

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Wheat to-day is selling in our market at 63 and 64 cents per bushel.

Miss Sada Whitmer has returned from an extended visit on the coast.

A fine lot of young shade trees are being transplanted around the court house.

A new crew was put on and another freight train between here and Wallula to-day.

Mr. Al. Sutton, of Portland, whom everybody knows, is visiting friends here.

Hon. E. L. Smith is under medical treatment in Portland and is improving slowly.

E. Elmer Booth, Hood River's popular young hardware merchant, was in the city yesterday.

The first paper to reach this office came according to the eternal truth of things; it was the Paso Headlight.

There is considerable wool stored here yet. The amount handled will approximate 7,000,000 pounds.

E. Beck, formerly of this city, now of San Francisco, of the firm of Eisenbach & Beck, is here on a visit for a few days.

Mr. H. Stone, of Fifteen Mile, is in town on business. He informs us that stock is in fine condition for the winter.

A special passenger from Pendleton passed down at 6 o'clock this morning, the regular train not getting here until 1 o'clock.

Dr. Siddall registered at the Palace hotel, San Francisco, on the 10th. The doctor will probably remain away the greater portion of the winter.

T. C. Fargher, of Fifteen Mile is in the city on business. He says more rain is needed and the farmers are in readiness to begin fall and winter sowing.

The family of Mr. W. H. Williams on Eight Mile are nearly all down with the measles. The youngsters are getting along splendidly in their ailment.

Do not forget that we are to have a train load of visitors Friday, and remembering it, try and make their visit as pleasant one.

Charles Hermann is serving out a sentence of ninety days in the county jail, being sent there by Judge Deady, the offense being selling liquor to Indians.

The ladies of the M. E. church have fitted up their room on Second street elegantly for their fair. Don't fail to give them a call.

Two private cars attached to the west-bound passenger yesterday morning were occupied by the superintendent and assistant superintendent of the Union Pacific.

Nicholas Joseph Skottowe, who was killed here by falling from the railroad bridge, was the son of the late Sir Edmund Skottowe, of Waterford, Ireland.

The Gymnasium Club gave a very pleasant ball at their hall over Nickelson's store, last Friday evening. The attendance was large, music excellent, and a very enjoyable time was had.

Two German families arrived here from Portland last week; and will locate in this county. They bring a capital of \$8,000, and are just the kind of citizens we need.

A splendid rain visited this section Sunday, but lasted too quick, Monday dawned bright, clear and cold, with a sprinkling of snow on the hills across the river. It is not probable that the rainfall was general in Eastern Oregon.

Mr. J. M. Anderson, of Sherman county, is in the city. He reports nearly all the wheat harvested at the stations and that remaining in the fields will not be damaged by the rain unless it should stand too long.

Mr. Jack Britten is in the city for a brief visit. He tells us most of the former employees here who are now at Albina, would gladly return, much preferring The Dalles to their present location.

Rev. A. Lambert is giving a mission at St. Peter's church, commencing yesterday morning, and will conclude next Sunday. All Catholics and others are cordially invited to attend. Wednesday, Father Lindner will assist Father Lambert in the work he has undertaken. The reverend Fathers belong to the Redemptionist order which contemplates establishing a house in Portland.

The entire outfit of this office was purchased from the well-known firm of Palmer & Roy, and therefore gives entire satisfaction. The Cottrell press is the best ever brought to The Dalles, and the type and material is first-class in every particular. In job type many new faces will be found which, no doubt, be appreciated. We had the pick of this firm's immense stock, and you can rest assured we obtained the best.

The handsome sign which graces THE CHRONICLE building is the artistic work of our home painter, Mr. Hardy. His work is always first-class, but we think he stretched a point when painting that particular sign. If there is an artist on the coast that can beat him at the sign painting branch of the business we have talked to meet him.

Mr. J. H. Larsen informs us that he has handled since January last a little over 91,000 sheep pelts, and estimates that other parties here have handled 62,000. A grand total of 153,000, and more than 50 per cent. of these were from sheep dying during the winter. It speaks well for the country that with a loss of 150,000 sheep, or probably nearer 200,000, since many of their pelts were not saved, the amount of wool delivered in this market this season was not perceptibly decreased. The Dalles leads the United States as a wool market and this in spite of any loss that may occur.

The moving of the men from the shops here to Albina has demonstrated the fact that the company must have shops in the interior. Their business at La Grande has steadily increased until nearly all the work for the division east of us is done there. This is the best of the shops, and that the company is not certain it has made a good move, is proven by its leaving all the machinery and plant here. With the first severe storms of the winter a large force will be put at work here, for the simple reason that the company cannot get along without them.

Mr. Chas. Van Dryn of Tygh Valley, was in the city yesterday.

Henry Smith is loading a six horse team with freight for Prineville. This company has launched out in an enterprise which means business and success.

J. B. Dow called at this office to-day. Mr. Dow expects to take up his residence in this city in the near future.

Butter, eggs, chicken and all such products are arriving in abundance and the markets are well supplied.

Mrs. J. Oliphant, (nee Miss Elsie Smith) of Portland, is visiting friends and relatives in this city.

A carload of hogs was shipped to Portland last night by Messrs. Abbott and Baxter of Tygh Ridge.

Ten wagon loads of hogs arrived here last night from Kiekitt county, for The Dalles Packing Company.

The Columbia Packing Company drove through the city enroute to their slaughter pens. 180 head of fat hogs in one lot to-day.

Mr. J. B. Hanna, of Boyd, called to-day. He is enjoying excellent health. Mr. Hanna reports a great need of rain, as yet no sowing of fall or winter wheat.

B. C. McAtee and Wm. Contrell, of Tygh Valley, are doing the city. No rain as yet, to be of benefit to the farming interests, the roads are dry and dusty.

Mr. O. Kinersly was in Portland yesterday without his umbrella, and came home this morning sadly disappointed because there was no rain.

Mr. A. J. Brigham, of the S. B. Medicine Company, is in the city, is prospering himself and tells us the Company's business is growing steadily.

A social club is to be formed by the party-ers, the object being to give a social dance once a week. We understand the matter is well under way, and hope it will be speedily consummated.

The Chataqua circle met with Mrs. Donnell, last night. After the regular lesson, Miss George Sarapson rendered a recitation in a very pleasing manner, and she and her brother, Victor, sang a carol.

Mr. G. B. Franklin, of Fifteen-mile crossing, came into the city this morning. He says the roads are quite muddy from Eight-mile into the city, but beyond are dry and good. All travel over this route to the interior has measurably stopped for the season.

Last night a fog settled down over the city, and up to this writing is still staying with us. It is dense, cold, clammy and disagreeable, a small section of Web-foot weather gone astray. The owner can have the same free of charge.

Charles Johnson was arrested last Friday charged with larceny from a dwelling. The direct charge being that he stole an overcoat from a farmer in Skilbee's restaurant. He had an examination before Justice Schatz Saturday and was bound over to await the action of the grand jury.

At a regular meeting of Wasco lodge No. 15, A. F. & A. M., Monday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. E. Garretson, W. M.; G. V. Bolton, S. W.; D. L. Cates, J. W.; G. A. Liebe, treasurer; O. D. Doane, secretary; R. G. Closter, Tyler. Installation December 27th.

A local dramatic company at Dufur will give an entertainment at the Odd Fellow's hall, Saturday evening next. The play, Paul Pry, will be on the boards, and will no doubt give full returns for the money invested, to the holders of tickets.

A telegraph line to Prineville would prove of great benefit to that place, and a convenience to the points along the road. There is, we believe, business enough to keep the line going, and in a short time it would pay good interest on the money invested.

Mr. Seth Morgan of Three-Mile is circulating a petition to the legislature to have a bill passed making it a penal offense to put a provision for paying attorney's fees in a note of hand. Attorneys will please take notice and hustle up their remonstrance.

The Hood River Glacier says the question of bridging the Columbia is being again agitated by citizens of The Dalles, and is quite probable that if the North Dalles has the growth expected of it this will take tangible shape in the near future. We have not heard the cost estimated but it would take a good round sum.

There is no one thing gives strangers arriving in a city so favorable an impression as neat depot buildings and clean grounds. Since Mr. C. H. Watson has been division road master, a marked improvement has been made in this line at the depot and the yards. The latter are exceptionally clean and neat which responds to Mr. Watson's credit, and benefits the city.

Mr. Riddell and H. Rice, committee from Fairfield Grange were in the city yesterday, to communicate with the board of trade concerning the putting of a line of boats on the river. They say the grangers are prepared to give substantial aid to the scheme. A meeting of all the granges in the county is called to meet at Dufur, February 20th, to take action in the matter, and to pledge themselves if necessary to ship all products by the new line.

The gentlemen of the U. S. land office smile this morning as gaily as if the Secretary had completed a set of rules for locating the forfeited railroad lands and they had the first claim to all of it. The reason for this unusual joy is that the checks for last quarters salary which evidently came by slow freight, have arrived and they have now no fears of an individual financial stringency. Money may be the root of all evil but it is not, pole, branches and foliage of all modern content.

Friday, at noon, a special train from Portland will arrive here with invited guests who will visit the shoe factory in North Dalles, and, as it were, christen it. After this some time will be spent in viewing our city, and we feel certain that our visitors will go home pleased with their visit, and like all other Pacific coast people, cannot be satisfied to live in the east. Mr. David Elliott also of Prineville, who has been east for nearly two years arrived on the same train and expresses himself to the same effect as Mr. Hedgepath. These gentlemen tell us there is considerable talk among eastern people concerning Oregon, and that we may expect a large immigration.

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Mr. J. D. Presby of Columbus, Wash., is in the city.

Mrs. J. D. McNeil and daughter are the guests of Mrs. J. M. Fillon.

William Hood will leave for Indiana to-night for an extended visit.

Four cars of sheep and one of hogs were shipped to the Sound last night by Mr. Charles Butler.

We understand the council will take definite and final action on the water question at the next meeting.

J. B. Morory Esq., of Moro, called today. He reports everything in prosperous condition in his county.

Hon. E. L. Smith who has been quite sick for the past six months is in Portland for treatment and is slowly improving.

Mr. Geo. Nolin, of Dufur, came in yesterday with a load of produce which he disposed of without any trouble. Mr. Nolin is one of our rustling farmers.

Mr. F. H. Button of Hood River, at present at La Crosse, Wis., is expected home soon. It is probable he will put a big sawmill just below the railroad bridge across the river there, on his return.

J. O. Warner esq., of Namsene came into town to-day. Like all others he says, "More rain! More rain!" Mr. Warner is one of our successful and wide awake citizens.

The steamer D. S. Baker was detained by the extraordinary fog Monday and did not arrive here until Tuesday morning. The fog hanging over the river until too late for her to make her trip, she laid up yesterday.

The steamer Baker makes her last trip of the season today. On her return she will be in winter quarters. The travel has fallen off almost entirely, and as it is probable she would have to lie up soon anyway, it was concluded to lay her off now.

The Trunk Manufactory is running with a light force. The manager informs us that the business is increasing steadily, which shows that patrons are pleased with the company's work. As a matter of fact they make the best trunk of all grades, and furnish them at less than eastern prices.

Mr. B. F. Newell, who is selling society charts, became suddenly dizzy while passing in front of the CHRONICLE office last evening and fell, his head striking the sharp corner of the stone foundation and receiving a very ugly scalp wound. He was taken to the hotel, but soon recovered and was not seriously injured.

Mr. J. W. Howard of Prineville has just returned today from Indiana, where he took five carloads of horses last summer. He reports hard times there, money scarce, and almost all kinds of business at a standstill. The cause brought about by the financial disturbances in the past few months. He is glad to get back to Oregon where the medium is gold and silver instead of greenback.

Mr. Geo. Stone, of Cable, Grant county, came into our city the other day and is loaded with freight for Messrs. J. W. Waterman & Son. We are informed that the stock range in that section is excellent and that all kinds of stock are fat. Mutton sheep are choice and three dollars per head is the market price thereof.

Some of our enterprising boys have been supplying the market with carp, and just where they caught them was a mystery to every body, excepting of course themselves. It was recently discovered that a pond on the Snipes place below town was the source of supply, but the discovery was not told until the pond was almost fished out. A few big fellows were left, and Mr. Snipes will be the happy possessor of a good fish pond.

The Diamond mill is grinding steadily, and turning out the very best quality of flour. Their purchasing agent had the pick of the best crop of wheat ever raised in this country, and with the fine machinery of the mill makes a flour that cannot be excelled. Just how much wheat is on hand we could not learn, but the steady stream that went into its granaries for three months must leave them still well filled.

We were shown an apple this morning that is probably of the Farmers' Alliance variety. It was two apples on a single stem, two cores in place of one. The larger one had evidently come from the Jay Gould act and absorbed the territory belonging to his neighbor, and also the principal part of the neighbor himself. The smaller apple grew from his same stem, but after being absorbed by his greedy brother grew out to one side again, a perfect apple.

At a regular meeting of Temple Lodge No. 3, A. O. U. W., held last week, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Paul Krefl, master working; H. Taylor, foreman; D. Fisher, overseer; L. Rorden, recorder; D. S. Myers, financier; E. Schamm, receiver; H. Larsen, guide; J. D. Mitechek inside watch; George Gibbons, outside watch; Dr. O. D. Doane, medical equiner.

Mr. J. L. Stoddard, manager of the Oregon Lumber Company's three mills at Hood River, was in the city today. The mills have closed down for the winter and have their yards filled with lumber, which was the cause of the early closing. The Company is filling a contract for hewn ties, taking all offered, banked on Hood River.

John Russell, of North Yakima, reports the locating of an immense body of coal land, fifteen miles in extent, in a newly-discovered pass south of the Natchez. Mr. Russell says that his prospecting partner is well versed in every thing pertaining to coal, and that he pronounces the find a superior character of coking coal. As to the new pass Mr. Russell claims that it can be reached by economic grades, and that by this route the distance to tide water is reduced twenty-five miles. The descent on the west side is made via the Clearwater to the Cowlitz.

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The tax levy this year is twenty-five mills for state, county and school purposes.

The A. O. U. W., will have a Christmas tree in their hall Christmas night. It will be decorated principally for the children of the members of the order.

Eighty families passed through the other day on one train. They came from Arkansas and were bound for Gray's Harbor.

The county clerk is engaged in extending the assessment roll for the sheriff, and it will be placed in his hands in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Dexter are expected home soon, and they will settle down to home life in the building formerly occupied by Mrs. Korten.

Dr. Shackelford, Alexander McLeod, and J. O. Mack, have been appointed by the probate court to appraise the property of the late Daniel Handley, and will commence work Monday.

The ladies who are conducting the Methodist church fair announce that it will be continued all day to-morrow. It has been a success so far but many articles remain to be sold, and the excellent meals continue to be served.

Sixteen one-hundredths of an inch of rain fell Sunday night and Wednesday night four hundredths. The rain did not extend south any great distance, being confined to the country near the Columbia.

The deed of Mary Laughlin, B. F. Laughlin, W. Lord, Elizabeth Lord and S. C. Laughlin to the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, lots 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, block 15, Laughlin's addition to Dalles City, was filed for record to-day. It has been recorded once, but crops up again for record.

Engine 373 which was in the collision at Coyote, with the tank of engine 449, and the scrap pile and wreck, passed through to Albina this morning. One box car, was on top of a coal car and slipped there in the wreck, and was placed to Portland just as it was. The engine was badly demoralized and many of the cars were convincing evidence of the force of the collision.

Victor Marden, Leo Schanno and Leo Bruen all arrived home from Bishop Brennan's school at Portland last night. The young gentlemen are looking well and in their bearing show their military training. They will, no doubt, enjoy their brief holiday with that keen zest which close application to their looks will lend their temporary freedom. The Dalles is justly proud of her boys, and these three will, we feel sure, add to her pride.

Three deeds of The Dalles Mill & Water Company to Dalles City were filed this morning covering all their rights of way, and water right and the mill site and mill. This is the end of the question, and now that it is settled, the quicker work is begun and the upper portion of the city supplied with water, the better. The matter has kept our citizens in a turmoil for a long time, and has seriously retarded our growth. Now that it is settled let us accept it as it is and drop the subject.

Council met last night. The mayor stated that the special purpose of the meeting was to consider a communication from Frank Dekum, returning unassigned the personal indemnity bond asked for by the council at its last meeting.

The communication was read and, on motion filed.

Councilman Farley then handed the recorder a communication from Dekum and Thompson addressed to the mayor and common council of Dalles city, dated at Portland, December 13. The communication was read and filed.

A petition signed by W. Lord French & Co. and others, praying the council to accept the two deeds offered by The Dalles Mill and Water company heretofore executed, and to deliver to said company, the warrant drawn against the water fund for the purchase price, and that no further covenants be required.

The petition being read, Councilman Thornbury moved that it be received and filed.

Councilman Dufur moved to amend to read, receive the petition, file and grant the prayer of the petitioners. The amendment was accepted.

Councilman Peters stated that he would not vote for the motion, on the grounds that the deeds provided no warranty to divert the waters from the old channels.

The mayor then stated that he had disapproved the purchase of The Dalles Mill and Water company's plant at \$50,000 from the beginning; had from time to time stated and communicated to the council his reasons by message, and that he still disapproves the purchase at that price.

He said "It was apparent that his disapproval of the measure would be overruled now, as it had been heretofore, by a majority and in order that the property, if purchased, might be had at the best possible advantage, an additional deed had been asked, warranting the city in the right to divert water from the Dog river ditch, and that he would